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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF ARIZONA; AMENDING ARTICLE II,
SECTION 24, CONSTITUTION OF ARIZONA; RELATING TO JURY TRIALS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Arizona, the House of
2 Representatives concurring:

3 1. Article II, section 24, Constitution of Arizona, is proposed to be
4 amended as follows if approved by the voters and on proclamation of the
5 Governor:

6 24. Rights of accused in criminal prosecutions

7 Section 24. In **EVERY** criminal ~~prosecutions~~ PROSECUTION,
8 **WITHOUT REGARD TO THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE OFFENSE OR THE PENALTY**,
9 the accused shall have the right to appear and defend in person,
10 and by counsel, to demand the nature and cause of the accusation
11 against him, to have a copy thereof, to testify in his own
12 behalf, to meet the witnesses against him face to face, to have
13 compulsory process to compel the attendance of witnesses in his
14 own behalf, to have a speedy public trial by an impartial jury
15 of the county in which the offense is alleged to have been
16 committed, and the right to appeal in all cases; and in no
17 instance shall any accused person before final judgment be
18 compelled to advance money or fees to secure the rights herein
19 guaranteed.

20 2. The Secretary of State shall submit this proposition to the voters
21 at the next general election as provided by article XXI, Constitution of
22 Arizona.